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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2001–02 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2202

Introduced by Assembly Member Alquist

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Matthews, Pescetti, and Wayne)**

February 20, 2002

An act to amend the heading of Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 105100) of, to add an article heading immediately preceding Section 105100 of Chapter 3 of, and to add Article 2 (commencing with Section 105145) to Chapter 3 of, Part 4 of Division 103 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to older adults.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2202, as amended, Alquist. Gerontology: service delivery personnel: training.

Existing law provides generally for the prevention of disease and the promotion of health for all Californians, including older adults. Existing law declares the intent of the Legislature that the University of California provide, in a specified manner, academic courses and training in the field of geriatrics for medical students and existing internists and family physicians.

This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature that California State University (CSU) students who are receiving training to provide

services to the senior population complete a ~~definable~~ curriculum in the field of gerontology. The bill would require the CSU system to provide academic courses and training in the field of gerontology for specified professional service delivery personnel. The bill would impose requirements on ~~the Academic Senate at each CSU campus that educates professional service delivery personnel, relating to curriculum standards—guidelines~~ and recruitment. The bill would require the trustees to submit a progress report to the Legislature on or before a specified date, on the status of the establishment and implementation of the gerontology ~~curriculum—curricula~~ required by the bill.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The heading of Chapter 3 (commencing with
2 Section 105100) of Part 4 of Division 103 of the Health and Safety
3 Code is amended to read:

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5 CHAPTER 3. GERIATRICS AND GERONTOLOGY PROGRAMS

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7 SEC. 2. An article heading is added immediately preceding
8 Section 105100 of Chapter 3 of Part 4 of Division 103 of the Health
9 and Safety Code, to read:

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11 Article 1. University of California Programs

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13 SEC. 3. Article 2 (commencing with Section 105145) is
14 added to Chapter 3 of Part 4 of Division 103 of the Health and
15 Safety Code, to read:

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17 Article 2. California State University Programs

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19 105145. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature that California
20 State University students who are receiving training to provide
21 services to the senior population complete a ~~definable~~ curriculum
22 in the field of gerontology. It is the intent of the Legislature that
23 this curriculum *be designed to* instill the attitudes, knowledge, and
24 skills the students will need to provide competent and
25 compassionate care for older persons.



(b) It is the intent of the Legislature that the California State University system shall be responsible for developing, implementing, maintaining, and evaluating the necessary content in the curriculum.

105145.3. (a) The California State University system shall provide academic courses and training in the field of gerontology for professional service delivery personnel providing services to the senior population. For purposes of this article, “professional service delivery personnel” includes, but is not limited to, all of the following:

- (1) Social workers.
- (2) Nurses.
- (3) Gerontologists.
- (4) Physical therapists.
- (5) Psychologists.

~~(b) The Academic Senate at each~~ Each of the California State University campuses that educates professional service delivery personnel shall, *through its established curriculum development processes*, do both of the following:

(1) Develop and implement ~~standards for the curriculum to be offered at the various California State University campuses for~~ *guidelines for training in gerontology.*

(2) Establish a ~~basis-plan~~ *plan* for the recruitment of students to enter fields of service for the maturing California population that will ultimately lead to a higher quality service delivery system for the senior population.

105145.5. On or before January 1, 2004, the Trustees of the California State University shall submit a progress report to the Legislature on the status of the establishment and implementation of ~~a definable curriculum~~ *curricula* in gerontology in accordance with this article.